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Alaskan Region

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
Aeronautical Study 09-AAL-13NR
Request for Public Input

Proposal to Decommission
The Wessels (ESS) Nondirectional Radio Beacon (NDB)
And ESS Transcribed Weather Broadcast (TWEB)
On Middleton Island, Alaska

1. **Proposed Change.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is seeking input from interested parties regarding a proposal to decommission the ESS NDB and TWEB located on Middleton Island, Alaska.

The ESS NDB has been out of service since 2006, and is in need of extensive repairs. The FAA has determined that the ESS NDB is not used for standard instrument approach procedures, airways, or holding fixes. The TWEB that was hosted on the ESS NDB is now broadcast on the Middleton Island VOR. The feasibility of decommissioning the ESS NDB is being reviewed. If ESS NDB were decommissioned, the money required to repair and maintain the facility could be used for higher priority projects.

2. **Public Input:** The public is invited to submit, in writing, comments regarding the overall aeronautical aspects of the proposed decommissioning of the ESS NDB and TWEB.

This proposal is subject to change after review of public comments. Comments in writing concurring with or objecting to the proposed change may be indicated by use of the attached endorsement form, or may be mailed separately, or may be emailed (see link below).

3. **Comment Information:** Comments must be received by close of business, Wednesday, May 13, 2009 to be considered. You may E-Mail comments to 9-AAL-530-Comments@faa.gov or mail them to the Federal Aviation Administration, Alaska Flight Service Information Area Group, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #14, Anchorage, AK 99513-7587.

This proposal can also be reviewed via internet on our web page.

<http://www.alaska.faa.gov/at/notices/Alaska-ESS-NDB-decommission.pdf>

5. **Proponent Information:** If you have questions regarding this change, please contact Derril Bergt, Alaska Flight Service Information Area Group, at (907) 271-2796.

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COMMENT: Aeronautical Study 09-AAL-13NR; Proposed Decommissioning of ESS NDB and TWEB on Middleton Island, Alaska.

I have reviewed the proposal identified above and I have no objections.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Representing: _____

or

I have reviewed the proposal identified above and I have comments (see below, or attached).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail Comments to: Federal Aviation Administration
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